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IN SWITZERLAND

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ZAIRE DESK OFFICER (JAENEN) TOLD
US THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET GOT THROUGH TO PRESIDENT
MOBUTU ON THE TELEPHONE SEPTEMBER 14 FROM LUXEMBOURG

AND ASKED FOR CLEMENCY - ON BEHALF OF EC-NINE AS WELL
AS BELGIUM - FOR CONDEMNED FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA
(REFTEL). JAENEN SAID THAT WHEN SIMONET RAISED NGUZA
ISSUE AFTER FIRST DISCUSSING OTHER MATTERS, MOBUTU "BECAME
COLD" AND REPLIED THAT HE "TOOK NOTE" OF SIMONET'S APPROACH.
2. JAENEN SAID THAT SIMONET WOULD SOON MEET IN SWITZERLAND
WITH MOBUTU DURING LATTER'S UPCOMING EUROPEAN TOUR AND
WOULD DISCUSS BOTH THE NGUZA ISSUE AND MULTILATERAL AND
BELGIAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REFERENCE
TO LOCAL EDITORIAL THAT SUGGESTED BOTH US AND BELGIUM
SHOULD RAISE NGUZA CASE "WITH THEIR PURSES IN THEIR HANDS,"
JAENEN REPLIED THAT WHILE THERE WAS "NO DIRECT LINKAGE"
BETWEEN NGUZA CLEMENCY APPEAL AND AID TO ZAIRE, THE NGUZA
CASE WAS THE "MAIN POINT" OF THE MOBUTU AND SIMONET
ENCOUNTER AND IT WAS "OBVIOUS" THAT BELGIAN RELATIONS WITH
ZAIRE WOULD BE AFFECTED BY NGUZA DEATH. HE ADDED THAT
SHOULD "ANYTHING HAPPEN TO NGUZA BEFORE THE MEETING TOOK
PLACE SIMONET WOULD NOT GO TO SWITZERLAND TO MEET WITH
MOBUTU. CHAMBERS

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